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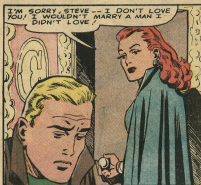
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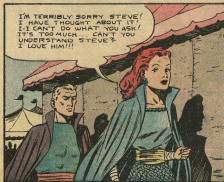


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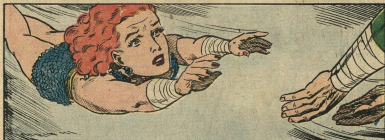
I-I HOPE HE'S COOLED OFF A BIT... HE WAS SO UPSET

MINUTES LATER... AS STEVE AND MARIE SWUNG FROM THE ROOF OF THE BIG TOP... THE RINGMASTER ANNOUNCED THE HIGH SPOT OF THEIR ACT... **THE LEAP**....

COME ON MARIE... PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER - HE'LL BE ALRIGHT! I KNOW!

MARIE LEAPED AS STEVE SWUNG TOWARD HER... IN MID-AIR HER HEART SKIPPED A BEAT...

IF HE HESITATES FOR A SECOND - - -



A SPLIT SECOND, AND THEN....

HE DID IT!!!  
HE DID IT!!!

YAH!

HOO RAY!

THEIR HANDS MET... HIS STRONG HANDS GRASPED HER WRISTS.....

LATER...

OH, THANK YOU STEVE, THANK YOU!

FOR WHAT MARIE? FOR DOING MY JOB? I DID SOME FAST THINKING UP THERE AND I KNOW NOW THAT I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY! AND I GUESS THAT'S WITH THE MAN YOU LOVE!!! I WISH YOU AND JOE EVERY HAPPINESS!!!



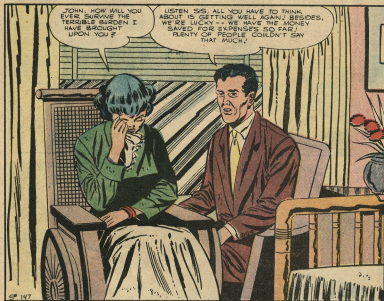
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NO ONE HAS EVER HAD SUCH A PROFOUND EFFECT ON MY LIFE AS A STRANGER WHOM I MET BUT ONCE AND WHOM I KNOW ONLY AS...

# The WEEPING GIRL



SIS HAD BEEN DRIVING HER OWN CAR HOME FROM TOWN WHEN THE ICE STORM CAME. I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE ACCIDENT UNTIL SHE WAS ALREADY IN THE HOSPITAL. BUT I SAW THE CAR LATER. THE CRASH MUST HAVE BEEN AWFUL...



I DON'T WANT SIS TO KNOW THE CONCERN I REALLY FELT! AND I THINK I HID IT PRETTY WELL -- FINALLY SHE WAS ABLE TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL...



# STRANGE SUSPENSE STORIES

THE HOSPITAL  
BILL HAD  
CLEANED ME  
OUT! AND  
THERE WAS  
STILL THE  
DOCTOR AND  
A DAY NURSE  
FOR \$15!  
I STRETCHED  
MY CREDIT  
TO THE LIMIT!  
I WAS BITTER--  
A BANK TELLER  
WITHOUT ENOUGH  
CREDIT FOR  
GROCERIES!  
NEXT MORN--  
ING...



I'VE GOT TO HAVE FIVE  
HUNDRED DOLLARS! MAYBE  
A LOAN COMPANY... NO,  
THEY'D CALL THE BANK!  
I COULD LOSE MY JOB--  
NO FRIEND WAS  
THAT MICH TO LOAN EITHER!



I HAD SETTLED NOTHING BY  
LUNCH TIME-- THEN I MET NICK  
FENNEL...

HI, JOHNNY  
HOW'S YOUR  
SISTER? I  
READ ABOUT  
THE CRACK-  
UP!



BETTER, THANKS,  
NICK! BUT THE  
EXPENSES  
HAVE ME  
DOWN!

YOU WORK IN  
A BANK AND  
YOU'RE  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
DOUGH?

IT'S THE BANK'S  
MONEY, NOT  
MINE! THEY  
WON'T EVEN  
LEND ME  
ANY MONEY!



YOU REALLY NEED IT, HUH? WELL,  
I KNOW A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN  
GET IT, JOHNNY! NO QUESTIONS  
ASKED, EITHER! I'LL TELL  
THEM YOU'RE OKAY!

IS THIS  
A GAG,  
NICK?



IT WAS NO GAG! I WENT WITH NICK TO A SMALL  
DINGY OFFICE AND MET A CHARACTER NAMED  
VINCE 'LUCKY'...

YOU DON'T KNOW  
HOW MUCH I  
APPRECIATE THIS,  
MR. LUCKY!

OKAY, OKAY, NICK SAYS  
YOU'LL PAY-- SEE THAT  
YOU DO! HERE'RE YOUR  
FIVE C'S!





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I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TIME WENT--I KNOW ONLY TOO WELL THAT THE DAY FOR THE FIRST PAYMENT ON THE LOAN SUDDENLY HAD ARRIVED...

SO YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT? EH? HOW MUCH HAVE YOU GOT?

I COULD GIVE YOU TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS-- BELIEVE ME, I WON'T GIVE YOU!



THE COLLECTOR TOOK THE TWENTY-FIVE AND CLAIMED INTEREST ON IT. BUT TELLING ME TO GET IT UP BY NEXT WEEK, AS VINCE LUCKY DIDN'T LIKE TO WAIT FOR PAYMENTS THAT WERE DUE! NEXT WEEK CAME...

LISTEN, IF YOU KEEP TAKING TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS INTEREST EVERY WEEK, I'LL NEVER GET THE LOAN PAID OFF!

YOU BETTER, BUD! THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO GUYS WHO DON'T PAY UP!



WHEN THE COLLECTOR LEFT, I WAS WEAK WITH FEAR! SWEAT POURED OFF MY BROW!

I HELD THE MONEY IN MY HAND --- MAYBE!!! --- NO!



I REPLACED THE BANK'S MONEY IN THE DRAWER! BUT THE IDEA WAS STILL IN MY MIND! AND I FELT ASLEEP THINKING ABOUT IT! THAT NIGHT I HAD A DREAM...

OH... (SOB) OHHA...



IN THE MORNING IT WAS AS IF I HAD NOT SLEPT AT ALL...

THAT WEeping GIRL! I... I CAN'T GET HER OUT OF MY MIND!



ON THE MORNING OF THE DAY THE MONEY WAS DUE, I FOUND LUCKY'S MAN WAITING ON THE FRONT PORCH...

LISTEN, I... I...

YEAH, I KNOW--YOU DON'T HAVE THE DUGH, OKAY, WISE GUY, LUCKY SAYS YOU CAN HAVE UNTIL NEXT WEEK! THEN YOU PAY UP--OR ELSE!



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I SPENT THAT WEEK IN TERROR, MY MIND CONFUSED AND UNDECIDED, TRYING TO FATHOM A WAY OUT...



THAT NIGHT I HELPED SIS TO BED EARLY...

YOU DON'T MIND MY GOING OUT TO BOWL, SIS?

OF COURSE NOT, JOHN! I'M GLAD -- YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A DEAR ABOUT EVERYTHING!



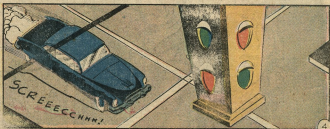
IT WAS ALREADY DARK WHEN I WENT TO MY CAR. I FELT IN MY COAT POCKET TO MAKE SURE I HAD NOT FORGOTTEN MY PASS KEY TO THE BANK...



I SPED ALONG THE DARK HIGHWAY INTO THE CITY -- TRYING TO MAKE TIME, TRYING TO GET THE JOB OVER WITH BEFORE I LOST MY NERVE...



BUT I DON'T MAKE IT! AND I COULDN'T RISK JUMPING THE RED LIGHT! ALL I NEEDED WAS TO BE STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION...



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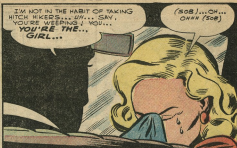
THEN... AS I WAITED FOR THE LIGHT TO CHANGE...



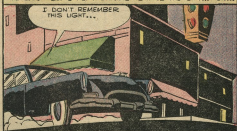
SAY, WHA... WHO ARE YOU?

I'M NOT IN THE HABIT OF TAKING HITCHHIKERS... WH... SAY, YOU'RE WEEPING; YOU... YOU'RE THE... GIRL...

(SOB)... OH... OH... OH... (SOB)



BUT THE GIRL DID NOT REPLY! SHE MERELY SAT BESIDE ME AND WEPT! I COULD NOT GO TO THE BANK WITH HER IN THE CAR-- BUT I KEPT DRIVING TOWARD THE CITY... THEN...



I DON'T REMEMBER THIS LIGHT...

SAY, IT'S THE VERY SAME LIGHT WHERE YOU GOT IN!

OH, DON'T YOU SEE? YOU'LL NEVER GET ANY-- WHERE-- THE WAY YOU'RE GOING!



YOU MEAN...

OH, YOU DO SEE! YOU DO!



OH, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!





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I DON'T REMEMBER TURNING BACK AND GOING HOME! I DON'T REMEMBER THE GIRL'S LEAVING -- I KNEW ONLY THAT IT WAS MORNING...



THEN, AS I WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN SHAVING...

FOR PETE SAKE! THERE ARE TWO UP PRINTS ON MY CHEEK -- WHERE THE GIRL KISSED ME!



AND THEN, AS I WAS ABOUT TO ENTER MY CAR TO DRIVE TO WORK...

THE...THE GIRL'S HANDKERCHIEF! SHE LEFT IT IN THE CAR! THEN IT WASN'T A DREAM!



MR. BARKER, I'VE GOT TO SEE YOU!



I BLURTED OUT THE WHOLE STORY OF MY FLIGHT, LEAVING OUT ONLY THE PART ABOUT THE WEeping GIRL...

YOU'VE BEEN UNDER A STRAIN, JOHN, AND I'LL LEND YOU THE MONEY PERSONALLY!



I DON'T GONDONE WHAT YOU DID! YOU'LL HAVE TO REPORT THAT LOAN SHARK TO THE POLICE AND APPEAR AGAINST HIM!



LUCKY AND HIS CROWD, BUT NOT NICK FENNEL, WENT TO PRISON! SIS IS WELL AGAIN, BUT WHO WAS THE WEeping GIRL? I HAVE NOT SEEN -- OR DREAMED OF HER, AGAIN! I ALWAYS KEEP HER HANDKERCHIEF WITH ME, HOWEVER, AS A SORT OF GUIDE ALONG THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH!



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**HE** COULD FEEL THE COLD CREEPING INTO HIS BONES! THE WIND WAS MAKING HIS EYES TEAR AND HIS HANDS, CLENCHED INTO JAGGED FISTS INSIDE HIS POCKETS, WERE TWO PAIN-SEARED CHINKS OF ICE! BUT HE DIDN'T MOVE! HE KEPT WAITING! IT WAS A...

## LONG WAIT



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AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS OF AWING AT NOTHING BUT **THIS MOMENT**, ALL THOSE YEARS OF ANGER AND HATRED RISING STEADILY INSIDE HIM LIKE STEAM RISING IN A BOILER—HE WASN'T GOING TO BE PUT OFF NOW BY A COLD WIND...



YOU'LL COME OUT, JERRY! ANY MINUTE NOW, YOU'LL COME OUT!

...AND THE **LONG WAIT** WILL BE OVER! THINGS'LL BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME, JERRY! THIS TIME I WON'T LET YOU...



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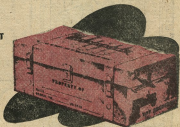
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...FAST-TALK ME THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN FAST-TALKING EVERYBODY ALL YOUR LIFE--THE WAY YOU USED TO DO EVEN WHEN WE WERE KIDS...

IF I WERE AS STRONG AS YOU, MAC, I'D CLIMB RIGHT INTO THAT TREE AND GET APPLES FOR BOTH OF US!

SURE, SURE I'M STRONG! WAIT DOWN HERE, JERRY, I'LL GET SOME APPLES!



...AND THEN, JUST WHEN I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS GOING SMOOTH AS SILK...

HEY, JERRY, WHAT GIVES HERE? I THOUGHT ALL THESE BILLS WERE PAID...



...MAC, I USED ALL THE MONEY WE BORROWED FROM THE BANK! THEN, LIKE A SUCKER, I TRIED TO WIN BACK ALL THE MONEY I'D LOST! BY THEN, I WAS PLAYING WITH MONEY I'D STOLEN! I LOST THAT TOO, MAC... AND NOW (SHE) THEY'LL ARREST ME AND SEND ME TO JAIL!



...THE WAY YOU FAST-TALKED ME INTO GOING INTO BUSINESS WHEN WE GREW UP...

WE CAN'T FAIL, MAC! WITH YOUR MUSCLES AND MY BRAINS, WE CAN'T FAIL!



MAC... I'M IN TROUBLE... IN BAD TROUBLE! YOU HAVE TO HELP ME, MAC--I- I'VE BEEN PLAYING THE HORSES, I'VE BEEN LOSING STEADY...



MAC, THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU, BUT I HAVE A **WEAK HEART!** IF THEY SEND ME UP, IT'LL KILL ME! MAC, PLEASE--YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME... YOU'RE **MY BUDDY!**

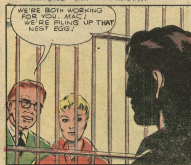
SURE... SURE I'M YOUR BUDDY, JERRY--BUT I DON'T GET IT! **HOW** CAN I HELP YOU?



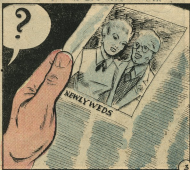
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OH, WHAT A SUCKER I WAS! I FELT LIKE A HERO! AT FIRST, JERRY, YOU CAME EVERY VISITORS' DAY WITH ALICE...



THEN, ONE DAY, IN THE PRISON LIBRARY, I PICKED UP THIS OLD NEWSPAPER...



# STRANGE SUSPENSE STORIES

AFTER I SAW THAT OLD NEWSPAPER, JERRY, SOMETHING **SNAPPED** INSIDE MY HEAD: THEY TOLD ME LATER THAT I'D TRIED TO WRECK THE LIBRARY...

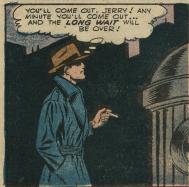


**BUT UP TO** THAT DAY AT THE LIBRARY, JERRY, I HAD BEEN A MODEL CON-- BUT NO MORE! AND SOON...

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**THE DIRTY ROTTEN (S-O-B) DOUBLCROSSER!!**



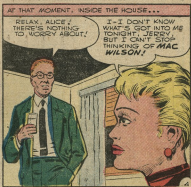
ALL THOSE EXTRA YEARS, JERRY, WAITING, WAITING... THE BAD FEELING PILING UP INSIDE OF ME-- WAITING TO GET OUT, JERRY, WAITING TO GET AT YOU...



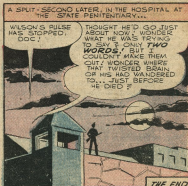
AT THAT MOMENT, INSIDE THE HOUSE...

RELAX, ALICE! THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOT INTO ME TONIGHT, JERRY, BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING OF **MAC WILSON!**



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# ' ' O M A R ' '

Mr. Edward Berrick, president of the Winston Board of Education, was a very unhappy and uncomfortable man. Several times he mopped the perspiration from his forehead with his handkerchief. He was facing an angry gathering of mothers and fathers. Mrs. Hettie R. Fishgrud spoke first.

"You must fire this crazy history teacher. Imagine, telling the children he has an invisible friend called Omar, who sees and knows everything. That's no way to hold discipline in this modern age — with fear."

"I absolutely agree with Mrs. Fishgrud," interrupted Mr. Ray T. Cummings, head of the Winston Coal Company. "It just sends shivers down my spine to think of this history teacher. He claims he has as his best friend a THING that can read human actions and look into the future. If you can't fire him, then pension him or retire him for disability. But get rid of him!"

There were shouts of "Fire Dr. Saks! You can get plenty of teachers to take his place."

When the tumult had died down, Mr. Charles Ponessa spoke and at his side was his fifteen year old daughter, Clarice.

"My child will testify what happened in the history class on Monday. Go ahead, Clarice dear, and tell these people all about your teacher."

A dark headed girl with brown eyes faced the men and women in the meeting hall of the Winston Board of Education.

"Dr. Jules Saks told me when I came into class that I did not do my history homework. He told me I had copied it from another student. Furthermore he told me, that his friend Omar knew I was prepared to cheat on the history test. That I had concealed in my pocketbook a blotter with a code on it to help me pass the true and false questions," the girl said slowly.

"Such a man is not fit to teach," shouted Charles Ponessa. "He's a monster."

The president of the Winston Board of Education thought of a simple question to ask.

"Were his charges true or false, Clarice?"

The young girl's face turned red. She knew

to speak but the words remained in her mouth. Finally she did manage to give a short answer.

"He was right!"

There was silence in the meeting hall and the door opened. In walked a middle-aged balding man. His right hand was extended as though he were holding a small invisible creature. He walked right up to Mr. Ponessa.

"You better go home at once, he suggested. "Your sister-in-law, Frances from Illinois, will arrive shortly with her five children. Then you will have a headache."

Then he turned to Mrs. Fishgrud and gave her a look of contempt. "You don't believe in my friend Omar? Better rush home or your house will be on fire. You forgot to turn off the flame underneath the meal you were cooking."

Then he turned to a third man who had not as yet spoken. And Dr. Saks gave him some good advice.

"You forgot to take the key out of your ignition. There is an auto thief in this town just looking for such an opportunity. Run right now and you'll stop the man before he steals your car."

Three people dashed out of the meeting hall at top speed and the meeting was broken up. A very charming young lady, Jeannette Copeland, daughter of Bernard Copeland of the Third National Bank, slipped her arm under Dr. Saks' left arm.

"I think you did enough today with the THING," she gently chided him. "There isn't any school today. Suppose we take a drive out to Lake Sortford and forget Omar."

"I'll go with you," replied Dr. Saks. "But wherever I go, so goes my invisible friend. He tells me what to do."

"Did he tell you to fall in love with me?" demanded Jeannette with a firmness in her heart.

"Omar merely told me my heart belonged to you," was the answer. And the young lady seemed satisfied. As the two left the meeting hall, Mr. Edward Berrick made a suggestion.

"You have me on a spot," he said in a pleading voice. "Even if the parents are convinced you have the power to look into the future and read people's minds, they will fear and hate

you. They will want you to quit teaching."

"But I like teaching and I intend to remain right here," insisted Dr. Saks. "I'll be back on Monday. And by the way Mr. Alpert, Omar just told me to give you a gentle hint. Don't tell your wife you have to see a sick friend tonight. She found out from Mrs. Bronson that you are going to play pinochle with the gang."

Dr Jules Saks parked his car at a secluded spot near Lake Sortford.

"Your father broke his word and told you the secret. But Omar told me that now you really are in love with me. Perhaps not at first, but love slipped in. True, I am ten years older than you. But Omar said we'll both live to be ninety. And we'll be very happy together. I'll quit teaching next year. That will take a headache away from poor Mr. Berrick. He and your father are the only two in town that know my secret, outside of you, my darling."

Jeannette had her head on her future husband's shoulder, when suddenly he turned and spoke to the invisible THING seated next to him.

"You say two men are getting out of a car to hold us up? I'll take the big one and you take the small one. They are also wanted for murder and kidnapping? That will make a hero out of me when I get the two of them with your help."

A few minutes later, two ugly looking men, each holding a gun, came up to the car. They opened the door and the taller one gave an order.

"Hey you, get out of that car. Give us all your dough."

"Frank Crospey, alias Joe the Dipper, alias Jes Lewin, aren't you ashamed of yourself? Your career in crime has come to an end. And tell that partner of yours, Mike Towle, to drop his gun."

The two criminals were so dumbfounded that they actually seemed rooted to the ground. Dr. Jules Saks hit the taller man in the jaw. The smaller man fell down as though he had been tripped by some invisible creature. The net result was that the history teacher was holding a gun in each hand.

"Drive back to town, Jeannette, and get the police. Or if you spot a state trooper's car, get it. One moment, my dear. Omar tells me there is a state trooper's car on the road going south. You'll find it at a garage called Tony's. Hurry my dear."

That evening, Dr. Saks was the hero of the

town of Winston. The two thoroughly frightened criminals made complete confessions: Mike Towle found it hard to convince the police chief about one little detail.

"Something invisible tripped me and then socked me. Grabbed the gun from my hand," he insisted for at least a dozen times. "And that teacher! That guy shouldn't be teaching school. Make a Crime Buster or something like that out of him. Bet he could clean up the whole country. Why didn't I listen to my old lady and stay away from crime?"

An emergency meeting of all the parents who had been present at the other meeting was called by Mr. Ponessa.

"After what happened with those two crooks and the story they told, we have no choice in our action. Dr. Jules Saks is now a hero. We can't ask for his dismissal. So let us just say he is eccentric. I refuse to admit the existence of such a THING as Omar. We'll tell the president of the Board of Education we are satisfied that Dr. Saks is an excellent scholar. I don't know how he looks into the future and reads people's minds. And tell the truth, I don't want to know."

Jeanette was seated in the private office of her father. And next to her was her future husband.

"We'll have the wedding next month," she informed her father. "Jules knows you told me that he made more than twenty-five million dollars playing the stock market, betting on the horses, and other sports. And he will never bet again. We are going to Florida for our honeymoon."

"To France," corrected her future husband.

Suddenly a small impish creature appeared seated on the chair next to Dr. Saks.

"Better listen to him now and always," said Omar. "I will leave now. But if you don't obey him, I'll return. I'm no figment of his imagination. I just picked him out of all the millions to have me around for awhile. I do this once every hundred years. I'll be back in a century to pick out some other lucky guy."

"Goodby Omar, and thanks for everything," said Dr. Jules Saks as the THING vanished.

Jeannette and her father both uttered the same sentence at the same time.

"The THING was real!"

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WAITING FOR THE  
CARLTON CROWD  
AT TWENTY-FOURTH  
AND ROCHELLE!

OKAY,  
LOUIE.  
SEE YOU  
LATER!  
-CLICK!

WHILING AWAY THE DULL MID-AFTERNOON WITH THE EARLY EDITION... LOUIE SUDDENLY JERKED HIS FACE OUT OF THE PAPER AT THE SOUND OF A SHARP REPORT COMING FROM SOME DISTANCE AWAY!

HEY!  
THAT SOUNDED  
LIKE A SHOT!



JUST MY NERVES,  
I GUESS. SOME POOR  
GUY PROBABLY HAD  
A BLOW OUT!







**T**HROUGH SIDE STREETS AND AVENUES LOUIE WAS FORCED TO DRIVE... THE HARD TALKING PASSENGER EVER THREATENING BEHIND HIM....

I'VE USED THIS ONCE TODAY... AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN IF YOU TRY TO SIGNAL FOR HELP!

THEN THAT SOUND I HEARD WAS A SHOT!



THIS GUY'S A DESPERATE CRIMINAL AND HE'S DEAD SERIOUS! AND HE'LL MAKE CERTAIN THAT I'M NOT AROUND TO IDENTIFY HIM WHEN HE'S THROUGH WITH ME!



I-I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING... AND FAST!

TAKE A LEFT AT THE NEXT TRAFFIC LIGHT!



YOU MEAN AT JACKSON STREET?



**T**HEN THE IDEA CAME TO LOUIE! IF LUCK WAS WITH HIM, THE COLD-EYED STRANGER MIGHT BE OUTWITTED!

WANT ME TO TURN AT BRYE AVENUE?

**SHUT UP!** I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TO TURN!



NOW... AT THE NEXT LIGHT... TO THE LEFT!

OH... AT MORRIS... A LEFT.





AS THOUGH TO ASSIST IN THE DIRE PLOT, THE SUN SANK BENEATH THE HORIZON AS THE TAXI FINALLY TURNED IN AT THE OLD AIRPORT...



SLOWLY LOUIE GOT OUT OF THE CAB AND WALKED INTO THE DARK HANGAR...



THEN SUDDENLY...!



BUT HOW...HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS COMING HERE?

IT WAS THE LIEUTENANT'S IDEA TO TUNE IN ON THE TAXI COMPANY'S SHORT WAVE RADIO AND LISTEN FOR THE FIRST DRIVER THAT SOUNDED FUNNY...



BUT MY IDEA WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORTH A DIME IF LOUIE HADN'T BEEN SMART ENOUGH TO SWITCH ON HIS MICROPHONE AND REPEAT FOR US EVERY TURN THAT WAS ORDERED!



THE END



# STRANGE SUSPENSE STORIES

# WHO?

WHO AM I? ... I AM MYSTER  
SUSPENSE! I BRING YOU TALES  
FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF  
THE EARTH... ABOUT PEOPLE  
OF EVERY CALLING AND STATION  
IN LIFE! BUT THROUGH ALL  
THESE TALES RUNS ONE  
COMMON THREAD... AND  
THAT IS SUSPENSE!!

PLEASE, JIM...  
BE CAREFUL!

DON'T WORRY, MARTHA...  
I'VE BEEN OUT ON WORSE  
NIGHTS!

THE SETTING OF OUR FIRST TALE IS A  
SMALL TOWN IN THE AMERICAN MIDWEST.  
IT'S DARK OUT *THIS FRIDAY NIGHT*. THE  
WIND-DRIVEN RAIN KEEPS SLASHING DOWN...

AND SO DR. JIM MALLON STARTING OUT ON A  
NIGHT CALL, EDGES HIS CAR ON TO THE  
RAIN-SLICKED HIGHWAY...

SHOULD'VE PUT CHAINS  
ON! THE CAR KEEPS  
SKIDDING!

SUDDENLY... I'VE LOST CONTROL!  
I-I'M GOING OFF THE  
ROAD!

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THE CAR HITS THE SOFT SHOULDER ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. FLIES ONCE... TWICE... CRASHES THROUGH SOME TREES... PLUNGES DOWN...



... AND FINALLY SHUDDERS TO REST AT THE BOTTOM OF A SHADY RAVINE!



I-I'M PINNED UNDER! TOO MUCH WEIGHT... WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER! SOMEBODY BETTER COME ALONG SOON...

THIS IS ME AGAIN... MR. SUSPENSE... IT'S DARK OUT THIS FRIDAY NIGHT, AND THE WIND-DRIVEN RAIN KEEPS SLASHING DOWN. POOR DOCTOR... NOT A CHANCE IN A MILLION THAT ANYBODY WILL COME ALONG TO SAVE HIM ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS!... HMMM... I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING. THIS TALE HAS ANOTHER THREAD! LET US GO BACK TWO WEEKS IN TIME...



... TO THE DAY THE RIDLEY CIRCUS PULLED INTO TOWN!

HOW LONG YOU GOIN' TO STAY HERABOUTS, MISTER?

THREE WEEKS IF BUSINESS IS GOOD... TWO IF IT STAYS AS ROTTEN AS IT'S BEEN LATELY!



SO THEY STARTED SETTING UP THE TENTS. NOW PLEASE UNDERSTAND-- MR. RIDLEY AND HIS HELPERS WEREN'T CRUEL MEN, BUT THERE WERE SO MANY WORRES, THEY TENDED TO NEGLECT ROSIE, THE ELEPHANT WHO WAS THEIR SINGLE ANNUAL ATTRACTION!

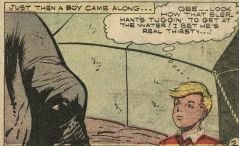
ROSIE BEEN WATERED TODAY?

HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET AROUND TO IT... TOO MUCH TO DO!

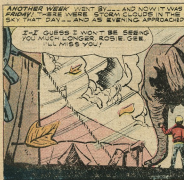


JUST THEN A BOY CAME ALONG...

SEE... LOOK HOW THAT ELEPHANT'S TUGGIN' TO GET AT THE WATER! I BET HE'S REAL THIRSTY...



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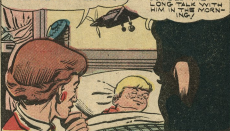
BUT IT WAS STILL *BEFORE* THE ACCIDENT WHEN TAB'S FATHER CAME TO THE CIRCUS LOT---

AMMP... LOOK WHERE HE FELL ASLEEP. GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP YOU FIND HIM!

SHHH... LET'S TALK SOFTLY. I'LL CARRY HIM HOME WITHOUT WAKING HIM!

WHEN I THINK OF HIM SLEEPING RIGHT BETWEEN THOSE ELEPHANT FEET, I--E--

LET'S NOT SCOLD HIM... HE'S A GOOD BOY. I'LL HAVE A LONG TALK WITH HIM IN THE MORNING!



AND SO TAB SLEPT ON, AND AS HE SLEPT, HE DREAMED---



AND SUDDENLY, IN THE DREAM---



ROSIE... WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHY ARE YOU LEAVING ME, ROSIE...?



AND NOW WE ARE *PAST* THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT/ NOW TAB HAS AWAKENED FROM HIS DREAM---

DAD, WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!

I-I DON'T KNOW TAB-- I JUST DON'T KNOW!





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I--I WENT OUT ON A NIGHT-CALL-- THE CAR SKIDDED AND THEN TURNED OVER-- I WAS PINNED UNDERNATH-- AND JUST WHEN I WAS DEAD SURE I COULDN'T HOLD OUT A SPLIT SECOND LONGER!



IT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE... SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE AN ELEPHANT'S TRUNK! AND IT LIFTED THE CAR RIGHT OFF ME!!



TAB TOLD HIS FATHER ABOUT THE DREAM! AND THEN--

JIM-- IT'S STILL DARK OUT! WHERE ARE YOU TWO GOING? YOU WERE IN THE ACCIDENT JIM-- YOU SHOULD BE IN BED!



I'LL GET TO BED LATER! I'M TAKING TAB DOWN TO THE CIRCUS LOT WITH ME! I WON'T BE ABLE TO REST ANYWAY TILL I FIND OUT JUST WHAT HAPPENED!



LOOKIN' FOR SOMEBODY, DOC? CIRCUS PULLED OUT LAST NIGHT-- RIGHT AFTER YOU FOUND THAT BOY OF YOURS ASLEEP UNDER THE ELEPHANT. THEY'RE WAY PAST THE STATE LINE NOW!



PULLED OUT LAST NIGHT? THAT MEANS THEY LEFT BEFORE THE ACCIDENT-- AND ROSIE WAS WITH THEM!



B-BUT THEN WHO COULD HAVE LIFTED THE CAR OFF YOU, DAD? WHO?

WHO AM I?... I AM MR. SUSPENSE! BUT WHO LIFTED THE CAR OFF TAB'S FATHER?? SORRY-- THIS IS THE END OF THE TALE, OR SHOULD I SAY THAT THIS IS A TALE THAT WILL NEVER END.. FOR YOU'LL ALWAYS BE WONDERING WHO??



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